

# Tule Duck Decoy

## Nevada's State Artifact



Lovelock Cave, first identified in 1911 by a pair of miners collecting bat guano to sell as fertilizer, contained a cache of 11 intact decoys stored inside two woven baskets.

The duck decoy was made Nevada's state artifact in 1995 although all of the decoys found in Lovelock Cave are now housed in the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The charming community of Lovelock is home to the historic Pershing County Marzen House Museum. The museum is dedicated to preserving artifacts pertaining to the rich history of Pershing County, including some modern tule duck decoys.

The two-story Marzen House was built in 1874 as the showplace home of a wealthy local rancher, and today is a fully restored structure with a wonderful array of artifacts from Lovelock's early days.

For more information on the Marzen House Museum:

[www.loverslock.com/Lovelock-Historical\\_Sites.html](http://www.loverslock.com/Lovelock-Historical_Sites.html)

For more information about the Lovelock culture visit:

[www.onlinenevada.org/articles/lovelock-culture](http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/lovelock-culture)

